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Arrangements for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session of the General Assembly on children

The General Assembly decides that:

(a) Representatives of non-governmental organizations accredited to the special session* may make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the special session;

(b) Given availability of time, a limited number of representatives of non-governmental organizations accredited to the special session* may also make statements in the debate in the plenary of the special session;

(c) The President of the General Assembly is requested to present the list of selected non-governmental organizations to the Member States in a timely manner for approval. The President of the General Assembly is also requested to ensure that such selection is made on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the geographical representation and diversity of non-governmental organizations;

(d) These arrangements shall in no way create a precedent for other special sessions of the General Assembly.

* Non-governmental organizations accredited to the special session in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on Children either enjoy consultative status in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996 or are accredited to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) or have a collaborative relationship and partnership with UNICEF.

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